DEPARTMENT OF LAW



CITY ATTORNEY

MISSION STATEMENT

The City Attorney's Office represents the City, school board and other boards, and commissions in all legal matters.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The department defends its clients in all litigation, files suits on behalf of its clients, prepares sound legislation for consideration by City Council, provides impartial advice, prepares contracts and provides such other legal services as necessary.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The total FY 2007 budget for the City Attorney's Office is \$3,650,900. This is a \$320,400 increase over the FY 2006 budget. This 9.6 percent increase is attributable to staff transfers and personnel service increases such as health, group life, and retirement.

KEY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City Attorney's Office represents the City, school board, and other boards and commissions in litigation. The department also provides all who seek counsel and support with professionally correct, impartial, timely, innovative and understandable advice and service.

PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Negotiated and prepared all contracts
- Prepared all ordinances and selected state statutes and other instruments in writing for the City, school board, and other boards and commissions
- Handled all civil litigation for the City, school board, and other boards and commissions
- Prosecuted criminal violations concerning all City ordinances
- Rendered such opinions as were required by the director of any department or any officer
 of a board or commission of the City on matters of law involving their respective powers
 and duties
- Collected \$4,799,744 from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005. The collection activity takes less than ten percent of the City Attorney's time yet recovers virtually all of its expenses

| Expenditure Summary | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| | FY 2004 Actual | FY 2005 Actual | FY 2006 Approved | FY 2007 Approved | | |
| Personnel Services | 2,661,049 | 2,912,491 | 2,876,046 | 3,205,294 | | |
| Materials, Supplies and Repairs | 71,128 | 70,165 | 71,406 | 62,558 | | |
| General Operations and Fixed Costs | 257,217 | 216,816 | 348,300 | 338,300 | | |
| Equipment | - | - | -10,000 | - | | |
| All-Purpose Appropriations | 46,818 | 86,861 | 44,748 | 44,748 | | |
| Total | 3,036,212 | 3,286,333 | 3,330,500 | 3,650,900 | | |

| Programs & Services | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|
| | FY 2005 Actual | FY 2006 Approved | FY 2007 Approved | Positions | |
| Negotiate and prepare all contracts, prepare all ordinances and proposed state legislation and other instruments in writing for the City, School Board, and other boards and commissions; handle all civil litigation for the City, School Board, and other boards and commissions; prosecute criminal violation of all City ordinances, violations of all City ordinances; render such opinions as may be requested by any department or any officer of a board or commission of the City; and provide such other advice and support as needed. | 3,286,333 | 3,330,500 | 3,650,900 | 38 | |
| TOTAL | 3,286,333 | 3,330,500 | 3,650,900 | 38 | |

| | Posi | tion Su | mmary | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Position Title | Pay Grade | Minimum | Maximum | FY 2006 Positions | Change | FY 2007 Positions |
| Assistant City Attorney I | LAW01 | 49,712 | 79,042 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Assistant City Attorney II | LAW02 | 58,226 | 92,576 | 5 | | 5 |
| Assistant City Attorney III | LAW03 | 68,253 | 108,523 | 2 | -2 | 0 |
| Business Manager | MAP08 | 42,207 | 67,471 | 1 | | 1 |
| Chief Deputy City Attorney | LAW07 | 89,119 | 141,700 | 1 | | 1 |
| City Attorney | CCA03 | 125,660 | 199,800 | 1 | | 1 |
| Claims Adjuster II | MAP08 | 42,207 | 67,471 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Criminal Docket Specialist | OPS10 | 31,504 | 50,362 | 1 | | 1 |
| Deputy City Attorney I | LAW04 | 75,917 | 120,709 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Deputy City Attorney II | LAW05 | 80,077 | 127,324 | 5 | -1 | 4 |
| Legal Administrator | MAP11 | 51,040 | 81,597 | 1 | | 1 |
| Legal Assistant | OPS12 | 37,053 | 59,232 | 1 | | 1 |
| Legal Executive Coordinator | MAP09 | 44,932 | 71,833 | 1 | | 1 |
| Legal Secretary I | OPS08 | 26,885 | 42,978 | 3 | | 3 |
| Legal Secretary II | OPS10 | 31,504 | 50,362 | 5 | | 5 |
| Messenger/Driver | OPS03 | 18,384 | 29,392 | 1 | | 1 |
| Paralegal | OPS10 | 31,504 | 50,362 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Paralegal Claims Investigator I, LD | OPS12 | 37,053 | 59,233 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Paralegal Claims Investigator II, LD | MAP13 | 40,239 | 64,330 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Paralegal Claims Investigator | OPS12 | 37,053 | 59,233 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Senior Deputy City Attorney | LAW06 | 84,474 | 134,314 | 1 | | 1 |
| Support Technician | OPS06 | 23,029 | 36,814 | 1 | | 1 |
| TOTAL | | | | 36 | 2* | 38 |

 $^{^{\}star}$ One Paralegal and one Deputy City Attorney were transferred from the Department of Human services to the City Attorney, effective 10/21/2005.

